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Incoming Governor Jan Brewer Announces Communications, Legislative Directors

PHOENIX – Secretary of State Jan Brewer today announced two more additions to her senior staff in preparation for her new role as Governor of the State of Arizona. Paul Senseman will join her administration as Director of Communications and Scott A. Smith as Director of Legislative Affairs.

"Mr. Senseman and Mr. Smith bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and energy to the Governor's Office. They both possess keen insight and familiarity of state government which will be invaluable during these challenging times," stated Brewer. "They are consummate professionals in their fields and are welcome additions to my senior staff team."

Paul Senseman will serve as chief spokesperson for incoming Governor Brewer and will guide all strategic communications operations for the Governor's Office.

For the past five years, Mr. Senseman has been a public affairs consultant with the Phoenix public affairs firm, Policy Development Group. He has a broad background in public policy and communications at the State Capitol. He has served on the senior leadership staff of three Arizona House Speakers, most recently to the late-House Speaker Jake Flake. He has been a strategist and advisor to numerous legislators, including positions as Director of Communications and Chief of Staff to the House Republican Majority. Prior to working at the State House, Mr. Senseman served on the Arizona staff of United States Senator John McCain.

Mr. Senseman received his Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Arizona State University West and is a former member of the Board of Directors of the ASU Alumni Association. He currently serves as a board member for the Dean's Advisory Board of ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Paul has served as Honorary Commander of the 309th Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base and currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Gospel

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Rescue Mission. He is a 4th generation Arizonan and native of Peoria, Arizona, where he resides with his wife Kathy, and their two daughters.

As Director of Legislative Affairs, Scott A. Smith will manage all legislative relations for incoming Governor Brewer.

Most recently, Mr. Smith has served as the Deputy Director of Operations for the Arizona Department of Administration with responsibility for numerous ADOA divisions including: the Arizona Capitol Police Department, the General Service Division, the Information Services Division, the Management Services Division, and the Telecommunications Program Office. He is a dedicated and conscientious public servant, with nearly 20-years of state government experience in both management and legislative capacities.

Mr. Smith also served as the Director of State Relations for Arizona State University. He has served as the legislative liaison for the Arizona Department of Corrections and twice as the legislative liaison for the Arizona Department of Administration. Mr. Smith was also the Privatization Bureau Administrator for the Arizona Department of Corrections. He began his career in state service with the Arizona House of Representatives.

Mr. Smith earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Arizona State University. He and his wife, Andrea, have been married for nine years and live in Scottsdale with their two daughters. Mr. Smith coaches his daughter's softball team and serves on the board of his homeowners' association. He is also a Sun Devil Club member and lifetime member of the ASU Alumni Association.

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